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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be made on paper that has a white background (see 37 CFR 1.84 (e)). For example, drawings on graph paper, lined paper, or paper that has a non-white background are not acceptable. See Figure(s) 1A-1C.

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| In re Application of:                | : | Group Art Unit:            |
| Gregory L. Truty                     | : | 2153                       |
| Serial No.:                          | : | Examiner: Not Yet Assigned |
| 10/626,183                           | : |                            |
| Filed:                               | : | IBM Corporation            |
| July 24, 2003                        | : | Intellectual Property Law  |
| Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MERGING | : | 11400 Burnet Road          |
| TOPICALLY RELATED E-MAIL IN A        | : | Austin, Texas 78758        |
| COLLABORATIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT       | : |                            |

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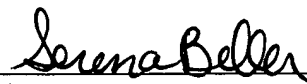
1. This replies to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 12, 2004.

☒ A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers is attached.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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**DRAWINGS**

2. Enclosed are FOUR (4) sheets of formal drawings that are submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 and 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

3. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Surcharge fee) and a check for \$ (Drawings).

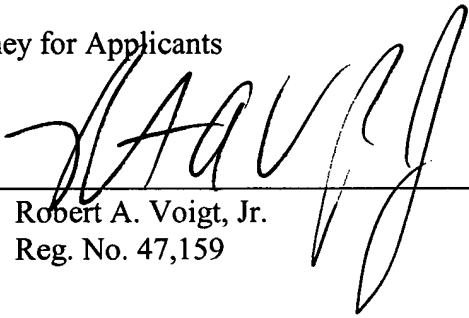
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